

MHADA Board Minutes
Cape May County
February 13, 2018

In Attendance:

Pat Devaney	Deborah Lukens	Katie Faldetta	Tonia Ahern
Lynda Fraizer	Judy Kunec	Greg Speed	Amy Dindak
Donna Groome	Tom Maletto	Barry Keefe	Sharon Modzelewski
Nicole Cavenas	Brian Neill	Freeholder Jeff Pierson	

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by acting Chairperson J. Kunec at 5:05PM.

Note: Vice Chairperson D. Groome chaired the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the November meeting was made by L. Fraizer and seconded by T. Maletto. Motion carried.

Reports and Correspondence

Mental Health: A. Dindak's report was distributed. Highlights included the following RFP's and RLI's:

1) Outreach and community education regarding the use of opioid pain relievers and sports-related injuries in young athletes (RLI) was issued by the New Jersey Department of Health (DOH), Division of Mental Health for the DMHAS-funded regional prevention coalition in Morris County. 2) Community Support Services for Individuals in Need of CSS in Gloucester, Cape May and Salem Counties (RFP) issued by DOH and DMHAS for the provision of Community Support Services (CSS) to adults 18 and older who are eligible. 3) Temporary Sober Recovery Housing Services to Adult Drug Court Participants (RFP) issued by DOH and DMHAS on behalf of the New Jersey Judiciary, Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to provide temporary housing to Adult Drug Court participants in New Jersey's 21 Counties. 4) Telephone Recovery Support (RFP) is issued by DOH and DMHAS for the development of a statewide Telephone Recovery Support (TRS) program. TRS is intended for individuals discharged from substance abuse treatment with an opioid use disorder, as well as those who are trying to maintain recovery from an opioid use disorder. Weekly phone calls will be conducted by trained staff and volunteers who will provide support, encouragement and information concerning recovery resources. 5) Family Support Centers (RFP) issued by DOH and DMHAS to develop regional family support centers (FSC). The FSC will provide support to parents of young adults struggling with opioid use disorder.

Addiction Services: No report

GCADA: S. Modzelewski reported that GCADA will extend the current grant cycle by one year until FY 2020 due to challenges in developing an on-line reporting system.

Old Business

Membership: Pat reported that members are still needed. She has reached out to a potential new member and will follow up. Faith based organizations are still being sought.

Heroin Issue Update: Sueanne was not present to report on OORP but did send in a report that is contained in the 2017 report which is later in the agenda. Brian spoke of his work as a recovering recovery specialist and how beneficial this is to establishing a relationship with the client. There was much discussion on what a recovery specialist, a peer specialist and a recovery case manager should have in experience, education and training. Tonia reported that the state is closer to having a standard. Katie stated that Cape Assist can provide the C CAR training for the community. This issue continues to emerge.

Mental Health Psych Bed Call by Facility: There is no additional information at this time.

Plan Goals for 2017: Issues and Achievements: Pat distributed a summary of the objectives in the 2016-2019 plan for the year 2017. All of the objectives were achieved, however, there is a continued need for more MAT training. Also data on the OORP program was included in the report. This program received expansion dollars in 2017.

New Business

CASS Meeting Minutes, FY 2019 Renewal Plan, Budget Modifications:

1) CASS Minutes were distributed. 2) The Renewal Plan includes all previously approved modifications. Any changes to last year's plan are processed through the ongoing (year round) budget modification process and are not processed through the plan documents. 3) Distributed budget modification requests from Dennis Twp, Greater Wildwood, Upper Twp/Ocean City Municipal Alliances and County-Wide. A motion to approve the plan, the budget modifications, and the CASS Minutes was made by T. Maletto and seconded by J. Kunec. Motion carried.

SA Projections for 2018 re: Expenditures: Pat explained that as a result of the expansion of Medicaid and the decrease in the use of FAAP as is, more funding was put into short term residential (STR) and halfway house with an increase in the rates for those services. Rates for detox were also raised. It was recently announced that Medicaid will start funding detox and STR in July of 2018. This means that funds may not be expended in these areas. In 2017, with the advent of the funding streams of SAPTI and STORI, the county could not spend its detox funds because the funding sources were used (they also paid more). Some strategic thinking will have to occur for a backup plan for 2018 if the federal and state funds remain at the same level and Medicaid comes through in July.

ACES project/update: Greg and Katie updated the Board regarding the activities of the Wellness Alliance and the PRIDE Committee. The PRIDE Committee's conference in late January was well attended and extremely well received by the educators. There is a mutual interest in both groups to have the instructor return in 2018 for more intensive training.

Police and Screening Interactions, CIT Training: Greg spoke about the second Crisis Intervention training that is given to local police officers. Both Cape Counseling and Cape Assist provided speakers for the 5 day training. About 40 officers were trained. This is the second time it has been offered. The feedback was very positive and many useful connections were made.

FAAP and TF-CBT issues: Pat provided a history of these two funding streams and how they have been reassigned to the state. Both programs are experiencing a low level of service, despite outreach efforts. Conversations are being held with the state as it may be likely that they could consider taking back the funds that have been available to the Cape May County system since 1986.

Recovery High School: Katie updated the Board on the planning efforts of the Recovery High School grant that was awarded to Middle Township. The program will start very small (5-7 youth) and be housed at Cape Assist to start. There is strong support for the program and many entities are involved in the process. The projected start date is January 2019.

Public Response

Katie Faldetta distributed flyers for the following events: Marijuana seminar on 2/21 in Somers Point and upcoming South Jersey DEA 360 events (Adult Training, Youth Leadership Training, and Youth/Family Drug Awareness Summit).

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.